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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YUJI KONNO ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/640,584)
Filed: August 18, 2000)
For: PRINTING SYSTEM, PRINTING)
APPARATUS, INFORMATION)
PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR,)
AND COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEMORY)

Examiner: I.A. Rahimi
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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document identified on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Also enclosed is a copy of that document, as well as a copy of a March 22, 2004, Japanese Office Action citing that document in a counterpart application. That citation is the first citation of the enclosed cited document in any foreign counterpart of the present application.

For the relevance, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract submitted herewith, to the enclosed English translation of Fig. 5 of the cited document, and to the following comments:

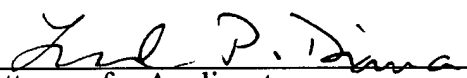
In a printing system comprising a printer and a computer terminal equipment connected to a storage device, an arrangement for storing a printer ID

identifying a printer in correspondence with HS data for performing shading processing corresponding to a printer in the storage device is disclosed. In the printing system, in printing an image by the printer, the printer send the printer ID to the computer terminal equipment, the computer terminal equipment retrieve the printer ID inside the storage device. When correction data corresponding to the printer ID is retrieved, shading processing corresponding to the printer ID is performed. While, when correction data corresponding to the printer ID is not retrieved, shading processing is not performed because corresponding HS data is nothing.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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